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Source to Sea Cleanup Volunteers sought for September 29th *Connecticut River Cleanup Planned*

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Rivers Program wants to encourage volunteers to join in the 11th Annual Source to the Sea Cleanup of the Connecticut River planned for Saturday, **September 29**. The cleanup is being coordinated by the Connecticut River Watershed Council (CRWC). The Connecticut River is one of fifteen rivers designated for protection under the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program. Individuals or groups interested in participating in the cleanup are encouraged to contact the CRWC at (413) 772-2020, ext: 205. On the web, go to: <http://www.ctriver.org/cleanup/index.html>.

“The Watershed Council holds this cleanup every year as a way to get people involved in taking care of this wonderful resource. The Cleanups are fun and involve people of all ages and abilities working together to do something good for their community and their river,” said David Deen the river steward for the VT/NH reach of the river.

Last year, over 1,700 volunteers hauled in more than 40 tons of trash from the four state Connecticut River watershed. They pulled all sorts of things, including barbeque grills and bicycles and hundreds of tires and rims. In addition to sponsors like New England Family Farms milk, some 70 civic, school, government and service groups joined with CRWC to make the Cleanup successful.

To volunteer or be referred to a local cleanup effort in your area or to obtain more information about the Source to the Sea Cleanup, call Andrea Donlon at (413) 772-2020 ext 205 or go to <http://www.ctriver.org/cleanup/index.html>.

About CRWC: For over 50 years, CRWC has worked in partnership with people to protect the Connecticut River watershed from source to sea. Accomplishments include helping to restore access to spawning areas for migratory fish, protecting over 8,000 acres through our Land Conservancy Program, and supporting three full-time River Stewards who bring CRWC’s on-river presence to every region of the watershed, taking action and assisting community groups. Learn more at www.ctriver.org.

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